

Recommendations and Problems

Monthly Reports for April 1960

MAP LIBRARY DIVISION

The Reference Branch urgently requests an additional staff member for the summer months. Training in Reference operations should be given before the last week of May.

The shortage of personnel in the Collection Section, Processing Branch, puts additional pressure on the Distribution and CIA Units, where the workloads are heavy and reflect continuing growth.

CARTOGRAPHY DIVISION

No major problems other than a superabundance of work, particularly in the USSR-Satellites Branch, exist at this time. Some of the overload in this Branch is being transferred to other Branches for completion.

USSR-Satellites Compilation Branch

The increasing participation of GC/S in priority Agency programs . . . is gratifying. However, it is becoming clear that the capabilities of the Branch, and particularly the Chief, are being spread rather thin. The fact that the Chief has to resume his regular Saturday overtime schedule, as was done during all of February and March, is only one indication of this. In the past two months the Chief has been unable to give adequate support to the Urban Program, to its serious detriment.

Since the procedures in the Urban Program have been well worked out, it is proposed that when the Program gets going again, one of the three Division participants assigned to the Program be assigned the responsibilities now delegated to Chief, GC/S. This will help at least in a limited degree to restore proper emphasis to the Urban Program and to assure proper attention to other Branch programs. This proposal is made because it is believed that the current overload is not a temporary one resulting from an expected intermittent pileup of deadlines but that the Branch is suffering from an overload of responsibility, particularly on the part of the Chief.

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GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

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✓ The Coordination Staff reports that a vacancy will be created in September 1960 when [REDACTED] will resign. It is important that this position be filled as soon as possible, because the FY 61 schedules for Chapters IX and the related Sections 19 are demanding and will require the efforts of a complete staff.

The Far East/Pacific Branch has noted the lack of uniformity of practice with respect to the briefing of outgoing military attaches and recommends that an investigation be made of the possibility of scheduling a regular orientation lecture on "Geographic Intelligence in CIA", to be given at each session of the Strategic Intelligence School.

Near East/Africa Branch

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[REDACTED] discussed procurement of USSR mapping of northern Afghanistan with [REDACTED]. Procurement through the Afghan Cartographic Institute would appear expensive and time consuming. It was urged that the Special Procurement Branch make effective arrangements with DD/P for the procurement of these materials.

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